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DEMONSTRATION WITHOUT VIOLENCE

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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. THE PLANNED DEMONSTRATION AGAINST
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT OHU, BAVARIA (30 MILES NORTH OF MUNICH)
TOOK PLACE MAY 7 AS SCHEDULED. ALTHOUGH UP TO 6,000 DEMONSTRATORS
WERE EXPECTED, ONLY 1,500 SHOWED UP. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO
ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND THEREFORE NO REPEAT NO INJURIES. END
SUMMARY.

2. RANKING PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL OF BAVARIAN MIN INTERIOR
ATTRIBUTED ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE AT OHU TO GOB'S NEW STRATEGY
FOR HANDLING SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS AS WELL AS LARGE NUMBER OF
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BAVARIAN STATE POLICE AND FEDERAL BORDER GUARDS ON SCENE.
HE IDENTIFIED THE THREE KEY ELEMENTS OF NEW STRATEGY AS:
(A) TO FIELD MORE POLICEMENT THAN DEMONSTRATORS AND TO PUB-
LICIZE THIS FACT IN ADVANCE; (B) TO ESTABLISH TWO OR MORE CONTROL
PERIMETERS WHERE DEMONSTRATORS ARE SEARCHED, RELIVED OF
THEIR WEAPONS, HELMETS, GAS MASKS AND OTHER DANGEROUS INSTRU-
MENTS; AND (C) TO SATURATE THE TARGET AREA WITH POLICE.

3. AT OHU, 7,500 BAVARIAN POLICE AND FEDERAL BORDER GUARDS WERE IMMEDIATELY BEHIND PROTECTIVE FENCE SURROUNDING POWER PLANT. ANOTHER 500 MANNED TWO CONTROL PERIMETERS, THE FIRST 60 MILES AND THE SECOND 18 MILES FROM THE SITE. THESE OFFICERS COLLECTED HELMETS, GAS MASKS, CLUBS AND FIREARMS FROM THE DEMONSTRATORS. THE MIN INTERIOR OFFICIAL ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 1,000 OF THE 1,500 DEMONSTRATORS WERE PREPARED FOR VIOLENCE WHILE THE REMAINING 500 HAD WHOLLY PEACEFUL INTENTIONS.

4. BAVARIAN POLICE ESTIMATED THAT 90 PERCENT OF DEMONSTRATORS CAME FROM BAVARIA, MANY OF THEM FROM MUNICH AND NUERNBERG. THE NON-BAVARIAN DEMONSTRATORS CAME LARGELY FROM BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG, CHIEFLY FROM STUTTGART. HE DESCRIBED MOST OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AS YOUNG, LONG-HAIRED "ROCKER" (HIPPIE) TYPES.

5. ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO DEMONSTRATION, BAVARIAN DGB LAND ORGANIZATION AND SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE CALLED ON THEIR MEMBERS TO REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING ON GROUNDS OF EXPECTED VIOLENCE. LORD MAYOR OF LANDSHUT, LARGEST CITY IN AREA, CALLED ON POPULATION TO STAY AWAY FROM DEMONSTRATION SITE. THESE EFFORTS SEEMED TO HAVE DISSUADED OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF WOULD-BE PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS.

6. MIN INTERIOR OFFICIAL CONFIRMED ARRIVAL OF THE CHEMICAL MACE, MARK V FROM US (REFTEL) AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT POLICE DID NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE TO USE IT. HE VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT CONTINGENCY PLANS OF BAVARIAN POLICE FOR USE OF MACE AND OTHER ANTI-RIOT DEVICES. IF DEMONSTRATORS BECAME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIOLENT, POLICE PLANNED FIRST TO USE MACE. IF THAT FAILED, POLICE WOULD USE, IN ASCENDING ORDER, TEAR GAS, NIGHT STICKS, AND, AS LAST RESORT, FIREARMS.
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